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Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: 1 (proposed amendment - fax of 7/31/07).

Identification of prior art discussed: Engel et al. (US 7,178,555).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the attached proposed amendment of claim 1, with respect to applicants position on the term "semi-rigid" and applicants opinion of the difference between the claimed "semi-rigid" membrane as opposed to the membrane of Engel et al. Examiner will reconsider on submission of official response.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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For: VALVE ELEMENT

**PROPOSED FAX AMENDMENT**

1. (Proposed amended) A valve element for selectively facilitating fluid communication therethrough comprising:

a membrane comprising a semi-rigid material and including a border portion and a raised portion, the raised portion configurable between a first position and a second position, wherein the first position is a concave position and the second position is a convex position, the membrane having a rigidity sufficient to maintain its shape in either its convex or concave position in the absence of external force;

a base element comprising a flexible material and including a seat portion and an aperture, the seat portion having a first side attached to the border portion and a second side for attaching to a flexible sidewall of a packaging enclosure;

whereby, when set into the first position, the raised portion obstructs fluid communication through the aperture; and

whereby, when set into the second position, the raised portion allows fluid communication through the aperture.